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# DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS 1901 SOUTH BELL STREET 2ND FLOOR ARLINGTON, VA 22202-4508

#### RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: HAUSEY, TOMMIE L.

BOARD DATE: 8 December 2005 DOCKET NUMBER: AR20050004405

I certify that hereinafter is recorded the true and complete record of the proceedings of the Army Board for Correction of Military Records in the case of the above-named individual.

Mr. Carl W. S. Chun Director Ms. Joyce A. Wright Analyst

The following members, a quorum, were present:

Mr. Richard T. Dunbar Chairperson Mr. James B. Gunlicks Member Mr. Scott W. Faught Member

The Board considered the following evidence:

Exhibit A - Application for correction of military records.

Exhibit B - Military Personnel Records (including advisory opinion, if any).



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#### THE APPLICANT'S REQUEST, STATEMENT, AND EVIDENCE:

- 1. The applicant requests, in effect, that his honorable discharge be changed to show that he was separated or retired by reason of physical disability.
- 2. The applicant states that he reenlisted on 26 December 1989 for 6 years in the U. S. Army Reserve (USAR) as an employee with the U.S. Postal Service. He had a problem, (mental issue), and was terminated from employment due to sub-par performance. He was later hospitalized and diagnosed at the Northeast Regional Medical Center in Anniston, Alabama, in January 1989. The possibility of when his disease began was uncertain. Due to this problem, he was neither able to perform his postal duties or his USAR duties. There was no reporting of the problem to the Army Reserve. The time and validness (sic) of the question of mental disease should and would have changed the whole outcome of not only Reserve commitment as well as postal employment. His insurance carrier was "Mail Handler" which paid for the entire hospital stay as well as prescription drug costs.
- 3. The applicant provides no documentation in support of his request.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF EVIDENCE:**

- 1. The applicant is requesting correction of an alleged injustice which occurred on 2 January 1996, the date of his discharge. The application submitted in this case is dated 16 March 2005.
- 2. Title 10, U.S. Code, Section 1552(b), provides that applications for correction of military records must be filed within 3 years after discovery of the alleged error or injustice. This provision of law allows the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR) to excuse failure to file within the 3-year statute of limitations if the ABCMR determines that it would be in the interest of justice to do so. In this case, the ABCMR will conduct a review of the merits of the case to determine if it would be in the interest of justice to excuse the applicant's failure to timely file.
- 3. The applicant's military records show he entered active duty (AD) on 18 June 1980, as a motor transport operator (64C). He was promoted to sergeant (SGT/E-5) on 1 November 1983. He continued to serve until he was honorably discharged on 17 April 1986.

## ABCMR Record of Proceedings (cont)

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- 4. After a break in service, he enlisted in the USAR on 13 January 1987, in the pay grade E-5, for a period of 3 years, with an established expiration of term of service (ETS) of 12 January 1990. He reenlisted in the USAR on 26 December 1989, for a period of 6 years, with an established ETS of 25 December 1995.
- 5. He continued to serve until he was honorably discharged in the pay grade of E-5 on 2 January 1996, 9 days past his ETS.
- 6. There is no evidence that the applicant requested a separation medical examination from the USAR and his medical records are unavailable for review.
- 7. Army Regulation 135-178 establishes the policies, standards, and procedures governing the administrative separation of enlisted Soldiers from the Reserve components. Paragraph 1-3 states, in pertinent part, that orders discharging a Soldier would not be revoked or the effective date changed after the effective date of discharge unless there was evidence of manifest error or fraud. After the effective date of discharge, orders can be amended by the separation authority only to correct manifest error such as the wrong character of service or to correct administrative errors such as rank, social security number, or misspelled name.
- 8. Army Regulation 135-178, paragraph 12-1, states that Reserve enlisted Soldiers who are no longer qualified for retention by reason of medical unfitness under the standards of AR 40-501, chapter 3 (Medical Fitness Standards for Retention and Separation Including Retirement) will be discharged unless they are granted a waiver of the medical disqualification or are eligible and request transfer to the Retired Reserve under Army Regulation 140-10, paragraph 6-1.
- 9. Public Law 99-661 (604 PL 99-661), 14 November 1986, revised the provisions of Title 10, United States Code, sections 1204, 1205, and 1206 to provide for disability processing of Reserve component soldiers who incurred or aggravated an injury or disease in the line of duty while performing inactive or active duty training after 15 November 1986 under a call or order that specified a period of 30 days or less. Referral for disability processing does not mean an automatic entitlement to disability compensation. Once referred, a determination must be made whether the disease was the proximate result of performing duty. Prior to the aforementioned date, Army Regulation 635-40, chapter 8, provided that members of the Reserve components who incurred a disability which resulted from a disease rather than an injury, while performing duty prior to 15 November 1986, could not be referred for disability processing. The provisions of Public Law 99-661 are not retroactive.

ABCMR Record of Proceedings (cont)

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#### **DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS:**

- 1. The applicant's medical records are unavailable for review and there is no evidence to show that he requested a separation medical examination from the USAR. There is no evidence, and the applicant has provided no medical evidence, to show that he had a mental issue or a disease of any nature, which would have prevented him from performing his duties, while serving in the USAR. There also is no evidence to show that any such disease would have changed the outcome of his Reserve commitment or his postal employment. The evidence clearly shows that he was honorably discharged by reason of ETS.
- 2. Based on the evidence provided, the applicant is not entitled to a change of the reason or the authority for his honorable discharge to show that he was separated or retired by reason of physical disability.
- 3. Records show the applicant should have discovered the alleged error or injustice now under consideration on 2 January 1996; therefore, the time for the applicant to file a request for correction of any error or injustice expired on 1 January 1999. The applicant did not file within the 3-year statute of limitations and has not provided a compelling explanation or evidence to show that it would be in the interest of justice to excuse failure to timely file in this case.

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#### **BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:**

1. The Board determined that the evidence presented does not demonstrate the existence of a probable error or injustice. Therefore, the Board determined that the overall merits of this case are insufficient as a basis for correction of the records of the individual concerned.

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2. As a result, the Board further determined that there is no evidence provided which shows that it would be in the interest of justice to excuse the applicant's failure to timely file this application within the 3-year statute of limitations prescribed by law. Therefore, there is insufficient basis to waive the statute of limitations for timely filing or for correction of the records of the individual concerned.

CHAIRPERSON

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U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Contrission Office of Federal Operations P.o. Box 19848

> WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036 MARCH 29, 2006

MR. TOMMIE LEE HAUSEY SR. #158914 BULLOCK COUNTY CORR. FACILITY PO. BOX 5107, MENTAL HEALTH UNION SPRINCS, AL. 36089

APPEAL NO: 01980272 A GENCY NO: 1-6-708-0030-47

MR. RONNIE BLUMENTHAL, DIEKTOR Office Of FEDERAL OPERATIONS DECISION ALD JULY 10, 1998

#### DEAR SIR!

Your organization provided a decision in the Above stated pro-ceeding AND SINCE there was a reconsideration decision identified as reduced number 05980969 issued unsigned August 25, 2000 received responded dated Feb. 06, 2001 here at BULLOCK COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, (MENTAL HEALLY).

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I can only reduct from your office information or further investigation performs concerning the handling of this action because I have no address to anyone in the NEW ORLEANS, LA. Areq.

Respectfully, requested,

MR TOMMIE LEE HAUSEY 158914

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# IN THE United States District Court FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

TOMMIE LEE Hausey Plaintiff.

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DEFENDANTS. PL-21.7

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In conformity with the FED. R. CIV. P., I the above Plaintiff over the age of 21-years old cuerently imprisoned at the Bullock County Mental Health, Residential Treatment Unit for monitoring and support evaluation assert(s) this Statement as True and Correct in the above to the best of his knowledge. There has been a Miscarriage of Justice in the form of Identity Theft that took place And knowingly and willingly disclosed with the attention to cover up by means unknown to HAUSEY, Plaintiff HAUSEY WAS hired as a Veteran of the U.S. ARMY Since 1980 and a Reservet in the United States Ready-Reserve, On or about 9-20-2005, Hausey a former employee hired previously under Career Conditional Status by the above in Beston Rouge, LA., 750 Florida St. XM A un related Discrimination Complaint See HAUSEY VS. U.S. Postal Service EEOC APPEAL NO; 01980272 decision dated, July 10, 1998 and A reconsideration decision number 05980969 issued unsigned August 25,2000 received responded here at Bullock

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The fraudulent use of the Plaintiff Social Security number allowed not only employment at the very same facility but to this Agency is unbelievable. See Exhibit(S)

Sworn to the best of my knowledge as True and Correct this 21st day of August 2904.

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# State of Alabama Alabama Department OF Corrections



BOB RILEY GOVERNOR BULLOCK COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

104 Bullock Drive
P. O. Box 5107

Union Springs, AL 36089

DONAL CAMPBELL COMMISSIONER

#### **MEMORANDUM**

Date: 7/06/05

From: Megan L. Fulghum, Classification Specialist MLF

To: Tommie Hausey

158914 B/M

Inmate's Name

AIS Number

R/S

Re: SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW

A Semi-Annual Review has been held for you and it has been recommended that you remain in "Medium" custody at Bullock Correctional Facility.

This decision is based on:

Sexual Offender status bars lesser restriction and mental health needs make any transfer unwise. Good job keeping a clear record.

Your next review will be held 1/2006.

Copy to: Inmate

Institutional File

Telephone (334) 353-3883

Fax (334) 353-3967



### U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION Office of Federal Operations P.O. Box 19848

Washington, D.C. 20036

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Mr. Tommie Lee Hausey, Sr. BCCF, Dorm 11, Bed 38 Post Office Box 5107 Union Springs, AL 36089

Dear Mr. Hausey:

This is in response to your letter dated January 17, 2001, concerning the status of your request for reconsideration, identified as request number 05980969.

Enclosed please find a copy of our decision, issued on August 25, 2000. The decision was mailed to you at the address we had on file:

> LCF #158914 P. O. Box 56, DM D1-19t Capshaw, AL 36025

I hope this information is helpful to you.

Sincerely,

John P. Flanigan Compliance Officer

Compliance and Control Division

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Tommie L. Hausey, Complainant,

Appeal No. Agency No.

Request No. **105980969 ★** 01980272 1G708003097

William J. Henderson, Postmaster General, United States Postal Service, (Southwest Area), Agency.

# **DENIAL OF REQUEST FOR** RECONSIDERATION

Tommie L. Hausey (complainant) initiated a request to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC or Commission) to reconsider the decision in Tommie L. Hausey v. United States Postal Service, EEOC Appeal No. 01980272 (July 10, 1998). 1 EEOC Regulations provide that the Commission may, in its discretion, reconsider any previous Commission decision where the requesting party demonstrates that: (1) the appellate decision involved a clearly erroneous interpretation of material fact or law; or (2) the appellate decision will have a substantial impact on the policies, practices, or operations of the agency. See 64 Fed. Reg. 37,644, 37,659 (1999) (to be codified and hereinafter referred to as 29 C.F.R. §

· 1614.405(b)).

After a review of the complainant's request for reconsideration, the previous decision, and the entire record, the Commission finds that the request fails to meet the criteria of 29 C.F.R. § 1614.405(b), and it is the decision of the Commission to deny the request. Complainant's submission merely reiterates information contained in the original complaint file. Complainant contends, as he did in his appeal, that his failure to contact an EEO Counselor until eight years

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after he was denied employment is justified by the fact that he was incarcerated shortly after he was denied employment.

EEOC Regulation 29 C.F.R. § 1614.105(a)(1) requires that complaints of discrimination be brought to the attention of the Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor within forty-five (45) days of the date of the matter alleged to be discriminatory or, in the case of a personnel action, within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of the action. 2 The Commission has adopted a "reasonable suspicion" standard (as opposed to a "supportive facts" standard) to determine when the forty-five (45) day limitation period is triggered. See <a href="Howard v. Department of the Navy, FEOC Request No. 05970852">Howard v. Department of the Navy, FEOC Request No. 05970852</a>(February 11, 1999). "The time period is triggered as soon as a complainant suspects discrimination and the complainant may not wait until all supporting facts have become apparent." <a href="Whalen v. Department of Justice">Whalen v. Department of Justice</a>, EEOC Request No. 05960147(September 18, 1997).

EEOC Regulations provide that the agency or the Commission shall extend the time limits when the individual shows that he was not notified of the time limits and was not otherwise aware of them, that he did not know and reasonably should not have known that the discriminatory matter or personnel action occurred, that despite due diligence he was prevented by circumstances beyond his control from contacting the Counselor within the time limits, or for other reasons considered sufficient by the agency or the Commission.

Here, the record establishes that complainant was denied employment in March of 1989 and that he was arrested in October or November 1989. Thus, even if there is merit to complainant's argument that incarceration is a valid justification for untimely counselor contact, complainant has no explanation for why he did not contact a counselor between the denial of employment in March 1989 and his arrest in October/November 1982 While complainant may have also intended to argue that he was incapacitated during this time due to his mental disability, the Commission has consistently held, in cases involving physical or mental health difficulties, that an extension is warranted only where an individual is so incapacitated by his condition that he is unable to meet the regulatory time limits. See Crear v. United States Postal Service, EEOC Request No. 05920700(October 29, 1992); Weinberger v. Department of the Army, EEOC Request No. 05920040 (February 21, 1992); Hickman v. Department of the Navy, EEOC Request No. 05910707(September 30, 1991); Johnson v. Department of Health and Human Services, EEOC Request No. 05900873(October 5, 1990); and Zelmer v. United States Postal Service, EEOC Request No. 05890164 (March 8, 1989). In the case at hand, complainant himself noted that soon after he was denied employment, he contacted the union about filing a grievance. Given this activity, he cannot successfully argue that he was so incapacitated that he was unable to contact an EEO Counselor within the time limits.

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Accordingly, complainant has failed to establish that the time requirements for contacting an EEO counselor should be waived. The decision in EEOC Appeal No. 01980272 remains the Commission's final decision. There is no further right of administrative appeal on the decision of the Commission on this request for reconsideration.

# **COMPLAINANTS' RIGHT TO FILE A CIVIL**

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# **ACTION (P0400)**

This decision of the Commission is final, and there is no further right of administrative appeal from the Commission's decision. You have the right to file a civil action in an appropriate United States District Court WITHIN NINETY (90) CALENDAR DAYS from the date that you receive this decision. If you file a civil action, YOU MUST NAME AS THE DEFENDANT IN THE COMPLAINT THE PERSON WHO IS THE OFFICIAL AGENCY HEAD OR DEPARTMENT HEAD, IDENTIFYING THAT PERSON BY HIS OR HER FULL NAME AND OFFICIAL TITLE. Failure to do so may result in the dismissal of your case in court. "Agency" or "department" means the national organization, and not the local office, facility or department in which you work.

# **RIGHT TO REQUEST COUNSEL (Z1199)**

If you decide to file a civil action, and if you do not have or cannot afford the services of an attorney, you may request that the Court appoint an attorney to represent you and that the Court permit you to file the action without payment of fees, costs, or other security. See Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §2000e et seq.; the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. §§791, 794(c). The grant or denial of the request is within the sole discretion of the Court. Filing a request for an attorney does not extend your time in which to file a civil action. Both the request and the civil action must be filed within the time limits as stated in the paragraph above ("Right to File A Civil Action").

FOR THE COMMISSION:

AUG 25 2000 DATE

Carlton M. Hadden, Director Office of Federal Operations

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# **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

For timeliness purposes, the Commission will presume that this decision was received within five (5) calendar days of mailing. I certify that the decision was mailed to complainant, complainant's representative (if applicable), and the agency on:

AUG 25 2000 DATE

Equal Employment Assistant

## **FOOTNOTES**

**Footnote 1** On November 9, 1999, revised regulations governing the EEOC's federal sector complaint process went into effect. These regulations apply to all federal sector EEO complaints pending at any stage in the administrative process. Consequently, the Commission will apply the revised regulations found at 64 Fed. Reg. 37,644 (1999), where applicable, in deciding the present appeal. The regulations, as amended, may also be found at the Commission's website at www.eeoc.gov.

Footnote 2 Regulations in effect in 1989 required an aggrieved individual to contact an EEO Counselor with thirty (30) days of the date of the matter alleged to be discriminatory.

# **CITATORS:**

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#### U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION Office of Federal Operations P.O. Box 19848 Washington, D.C. 20036

Tommie L. Hausey, Appellant,	) )		
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William J. Henderson, Postmaster General, United States Postal Service, Agency.	) ) ) )		

#### DECISION

Based on a review of the record, we find that the agency properly dismissed appellant's complaint, pursuant to EEOC Regulations 29 C.F.R. \$1614.105(a)(1) and 29 C.F.R. \$1614.105(2), for failure to initiate contact with an EEO Counselor within 45 days of the date of the matter alleged to be discriminatory. Appellant alleged that he was subjected to discrimination on the basis of mental handicap, when he was denied employment as a letter carrier during March 1989. Appellant contacted an EEO Counselor on March 17, 1997, about 8 years after the matter alleged to be discriminatory.

Appellant has offered insufficient justification for his failure to timely contact an EEO Counselor. Accordingly, the agency's final decision dismissing appellant's complaint is AFFIRMED.

#### STATEMENT OF RIGHTS - ON APPEAL

#### RECONSIDERATION (M0795)

The Commission may, in its discretion, reconsider the decision in this case if the appellant or the agency submits a written request containing arguments or evidence which tend to establish that:

New and material evidence is available that was not readily available when the previous decision was issued; or

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Regulations in effect in 1989 required an aggrieved individual to contact an EEO Counselor within 30 days of the date of the matter alleged to be discriminatory.

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- 2. The previous decision involved an erroneous interpretation of law, regulation or material fact, or misapplication of established policy; or
- 3. The decision is of such exceptional nature as to have substantial precedential implications.

Requests to reconsider, with supporting arguments or evidence, MUST BE FILED WITHIN THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS of the date you receive this decision, or WITHIN TWENTY (20) CALENDAR DAYS of the date you receive a timely request to reconsider filed by another party. Any argument in opposition to the request to reconsider or cross request to reconsider MUST be submitted to the Commission and to the requesting party WITHIN TWENTY (20) CALENDAR DAYS of the date you receive the request to reconsider. See 29 C.F.R. \$1614.407. All requests and arguments must bear proof of postmark and be submitted to the Director, Office of Federal Operations, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, P.O. Box 19848, Washington, D.C. 20036. In the absence of a legible postmark, the request to reconsider shall be deemed filed on the date it is received by the Commission.

Failure to file within the time period will result in dismissal of your request for reconsideration as untimely. If extenuating circumstances have prevented the timely filing of a request for reconsideration, a written statement setting forth the circumstances which caused the delay and any supporting documentation must be submitted with your request for reconsideration. The Commission will consider requests for reconsideration filed after the deadline only in very limited circumstances. See 29 C.F.R. §1614.604(c).

#### RIGHT TO FILE A CIVIL ACTION (S0993)

It is the position of the Commission that you have the right to file a civil action in an appropriate United States District Court WITHIN NINETY (90) CALENDAR DAYS from the date that you receive this decision. You should be aware, however, that courts in some jurisdictions have interpreted the Civil Rights Act of 1991 in a manner suggesting that a civil action must be filed WITHIN THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS from the date that you receive this decision. To ensure that your civil action is considered timely, you are advised to file it WITHIN THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS from the date that you receive this decision or to consult an attorney concerning the applicable time period in the jurisdiction in which your action

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would be filed. In the alternative, you may file a civil action AFTER ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY (180) CALENDAR DAYS of the date you filed your complaint with the agency, or filed your appeal with the Commission. If you file a civil action, YOU MUST NAME AS THE DEFENDANT IN THE COMPLAINT THE PERSON WHO IS THE OFFICIAL AGENCY HEAD OR DEPARTMENT HEAD, IDENTIFYING THAT PERSON BY HIS OR HER FULL NAME AND OFFICIAL TITLE. Failure to do so may result in the dismissal of your case in court. "Agency" or "department" means the national organization, and not the local office, facility or department in which you work. Filing a civil action will terminate the administrative processing of your complaint.

#### RIGHT TO REQUEST COUNSEL (Z1092)

If you decide to file a civil action, and if you do not have or cannot afford the services of an attorney, you may request that the Court appoint an attorney to represent you and that the Court permit you to file the action without payment of fees, costs, or other security. See Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §2000e et seq.; the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. §§791, 794(c). The grant or denial of the request is within the sole discretion of the Court. Filing a request for an attorney does not extend your time in which to file a civil action. Both the request and the civil action must be filed within the time limits as stated in the paragraph above ("Right to File A Civil Action").

FOR THE COMMISSION:

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